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German Application No. DE 39 42 594 A1: The invention relates to a device for conveying workpieces or workpiece carriers with at least one conveyor roller driven by an electric motor. In a prior art device of this kind there is a magnetic slipping clutch in addition to each drive motor. To avoid the need for such an additional coupling, according to the invention the conveyor roller (40) is sliplessly connected to the drive motor (60) and the motor is of the short-circuit-proof type. Preferred fields of use are devices for conveying parts in regions of assemblies to which access is difficult or to convey items adversely affected by dust and dirt.

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